AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced a new incentive scheme for sugar factories with minimum economic capacity of 3500 tonnes of cane-crushing a day;

(b) if so, the details of the incentives; and

(c) whether Government propose some more measures to tackle the ills that have afflicted sugar industry in general and the private sector companies in particular?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, an Incentive Scheme covering new sugar factories and expansions/restructuring of old and small units licensed/to be licensed during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period has been announced on 26.12.1988. A copy of the circular issued is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 63]

(c) The other measures initiated by the Government to improve economic viability of sugar industry include change in levy and free-sale ratio, increase in Statutory Minimum Price of sugarcane and fixation of levy price accordingly, grant of loans on soft terms from Sugar Development Fund for modernisation, rehabilitation and cane development etc.

Closure of the DCM unit at Delhi

1183. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of workers have been affected due to closure of the DCM unit at Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of workers rendered jobless;

(c) whether any compensation has been given to these retrenched workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) to (d) According to the Delhi Administration, the management D.C.M. Ltd. had sought permission from the Delhi Administration to close down its unit at Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi but the Administration did not grant the permission. The Management of the Company filed a writ petition in the Delhi High Court. The High Court by an order dated March 1, 1989 has directed the Lt. Governor to allow closure of the unit forthwith and in any case not later than seven days from the date of the order. It has also directed that the petitioner shall be bound by the undertakings given to the Court in the Scheme of settlement for payment of compensation to the workmen on the terms and conditions as set out in the written agreement filed in the Court.

Joint venture with U.S.S.R. for Soyabean Plant

1184. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether application for licence is pending with Government for setting up a Soyabean Processing Plant in the country as a joint venture of the USSR and a private Indian party; if so, whether the letter of intent has been issued so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that even with the bumper soyabean crop of the current year there is still excess processing capacity in the industry as many large business houses have already entered the field; and

(c) whether Government have received any objections from the existing units in the line to the above proposal; if so, the details thereof?